

the control messages being required for an application running on the user equipment, the method comprising

determining a first value being indicative for a mobility characteristic of the user equipment and a second value being indicative for a data traffic characteristic of the user equipment,

comparing the first value and the second value, setting a release timer based on the comparison, and controlling the radio resource control connection based on the release timer, wherein the radio resource control connection will end upon expiry of the release timer.

2. The method as set forth in claim 1, wherein the data traffic characteristic is dependent on the control messages being required for the application running on the user equipment.

3. The method as set forth in claim 2, wherein the first value being indicative for the data traffic characteristic of the user equipment is determined by an average heartbeat time being defined as the average time period between two control messages.

4. The method as set forth in claim 3, wherein the average heartbeat time is determined by the user equipment and communicated to the base station.

5. The method as set forth in claim 3, wherein the average heartbeat time is determined by the base station after establishment of the radio resource control connection between the base station and the user equipment.

6. The method as set forth in claim 1, wherein the mobility characteristic is dependent on handovers carried out by the user equipment in a predefined period.

7. The method as set forth in claim 6, wherein the second value being indicative for the mobility characteristic of the user equipment is determined by an average hand-over time being calculated based on a time period the user equipment

stayed in each of a predefined amount of cells and based on a size of the corresponding cell.

8. The method as set forth in claim 1, wherein comparing the first value and the second value corresponds to a comparison of an average handover time and an average heartbeat time.

9. The method as set forth in claim 8, wherein, if the average handover time is greater than or equal to the average heartbeat time, the value of the release timer is greater than, if the average handover time is smaller than the average heartbeat time.

10. A base station for controlling a radio resource control connection between the base station and a user equipment, wherein a radio resource control connection between the base station and the user equipment is established for exchanging control messages between the base station and the user equipment, the control messages being required for an application running on the user equipment, the base station comprising

a determination unit being adapted to determine a first value being indicative for a mobility characteristic of the user equipment and a second value being indicative for a data traffic characteristic of the user equipment

a comparison unit being adapted to compare the first value and the second value, and

a control unit being adapted to set a release timer based on the comparison and being adapted to control the radio resource control connection based on the release timer, wherein the radio resource control connection will end upon, expiry of the release timer.

11. A user equipment, the user equipment being adapted to communicate with a base station as set forth in claim 10.

12. A cellular network system, the cellular network system comprising a base station as set forth in claim 10.

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